Description:

The Idaho Hispanic Commission identifies and monitors programs and legislation, and researches problems and issues affecting Hispanic Idahoans. The Commission identifies solutions, provides recommendations to the Governor, legislature, and other organizations providing services to the Hispanic community, and serves as a liaison between the community and government entities.

Major Functions and Targeted Performance Standard(s) for Each Function:

- 1. To improve service to Idaho's Hispanic Population.
 - A. To provide a 3 day turnaround response to correspondence.

	Actual Results				
1996	1997	1998	1999		
3 days	3 days	3 days	2 days		
	Projecte	d Results			
2000	2001	2002	2003		
3 days	2 days	2 days	2 days		

B. To increase collaboration with Dept. of Education on discretionary funds.

Actual Results				
1996	1997	1998	1999	
5%	5%	5%	5%	
	Projected	d Results		
2000	2001	2002	2003	
80%	90%	100%	100%	

C. To provide information and access to the public by the use of technology such as the Internet and 1-800 number.

Actual Results				
1996	1997	1998	1999	
		90%	90%	
	Projecte	d Results		
2000	2001	2002	2003	
100%	100%	100%	100%	

D. To educate the community on current issues effecting the Hispanic community by using the media and other medium.

Actual Results				
1996	1997	1998	1999	
		50%	80%	
	Projecte	d Results		
2000	2001	2002	2003	
90%	90%	90%	90%	

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- 2. To reduce the drop-out rate of Hispanic students to a rate comparable to the general population within five years.
 - A. Identify and recruit active professional Hispanics in the State of Idaho as role models.

	Actual Results			
1996	1997	1998	1999	
0	0	2	5	
	Projecte	d Results		
2000	2001	2002	2003	
6	6	6	6	

B. To reduce the drop-out rate by 22% by the year 2002.

Actual Results					
1996	1997	1998	1999		
45%	36%	33%	32%		
	Projecte	d Results			
2000	2000 2001 2002 2003				
27%	25%	22%	20%		

C. To establish an active Hispanic parent involvement group in at least three Idaho school districts.

Actual Results						
1996	1997	1998	1999			
3	3	3	3			
	Projecte	d Results				
2000	2000 2001 2002 2003					
4	4	4	4			

D. Will facilitate at least one workshop per year in each identified school district and promote staying in school efforts.

Actual Results			
1996	1997	1998	1999
		3	3
	Projected	d Results	
2000	2001	2002	2003
4	4	4	4

E. Promote and continue expanding tried and true programs such as the LULAC's Young Readers Program.

Actual Results					
1996	1996 1997 1998 1999				
		3	4		
	Projecte	d Results			
2000	2000 2001 2002 2003				
4	4	4	4		

- 3. Increase recruitment and retention of Hispanic students at Idaho universities, colleges, and vocational technical institutions. (Secure reliable statistics.)
 - A. To assist and encourage colleges, universities, and vocational technical schools to increase outreach and recruitment with Hispanic youth.

Actual Results			
1996	1997	1998	1999
		0%	3%
	Projected	d Results	
2000	2001	2002	2003
4%	4%	4%	4%

B. To increase the participation of colleges and universities to attend the Hispanic Youth Symposium and educate attending youth.

Actual Results			
1996	1997	1998	1999
		0%	2%
	Projecte	d Results	
2000	2001	2002	2003
3%	3%	4%	4%

- 4. Increase hiring of Hispanics in all levels of state government.
 - A. Collaborate with state agencies to provide pre-testing seminars for potential Hispanic applicants for state jobs.

Actual Results					
1996	1997	1998	1999		
		0%	0%		
	Projecto	ed Results			
2000	2000 2001 2002 2003				
2%	2%	3%	3%		

B. Advocate and advertise promotional opportunities for Hispanics within state government.

	Actual Results					
1996	1996 1997 1998 19					
		0%	50%			
	Projected Results					
2000	2000 2001 2002 2003					
50%	60%	60%	60%			

- 5. Increase the understanding of what substance abuse is and its consequences.
 - A. Increase the development and dissemination of substance abuse information in Spanish.

Actual Results						
1996	1997	1998	1999			
4%	4%	30%	30%			
	Projected Results					
2000	2000 2001 2002 2003					
40%	50%	50%	50%			

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B. Seek additional funding for broadcasting prevention PSA's on Spanish radio.

Actual Results						
1996	1997	1998	1999			
		1%	60%			
	Projected Results					
2000	2000 2001 2002 2003					
60%	60%	60%	60%			

C. Collaborate with others in developing after-school programs to include substance abuse prevention strategies.

Actual Results					
1996	1997	1998	1999		
		1%	4%		
	Projected Results				
2000 2001 2002 2003					
4%	4%	5%	5%		

- 6. To improve the quality of communications and appreciation of the Hispanic heritage between the communities in Idaho.
 - A. To increase cultural activity by 4% in creating a cultural center/community center to hold Hispanic workshops, theatrical plays, and other cultural events.

Actual Results						
1996	1997	1998	1999			
4%	5%	20%	30%			
	Projected Results					
2000	2000 2001 2002 2003					
40%	50%	80%	100%			

B. To initiate a Network advocate name list of contacts throughout the State of Idaho to improve the efficiency of disseminating and distributing information on the Hispanic Commission by 3%.

Actual Results						
1996	1997	1998	1999			
3%	4%	4%	70%			
	Projected Results					
2000	2000 2001 2002 2003					
80%	80%	80%	85%			

C. Collaborate with school districts, government agencies, and community organizations in providing parenting education, which includes SA education.

Actual Results					
1996	1997	1998	1999		
		1%	2%		
	Projected Results				
2000 2001 2002 2003					
2%	3%	4%	4%		

E. To promote workshops by 2 a year from local artists relevant to the Hispanic Community.

Actual Results					
1996	1997	1998	1999		
2	3	3	4		
	Projected Results				
2000	2000 2001 2002 2003				
4	3	4	4		

Program Results and Effect:

The Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs plays a vital role in Idaho as advocate for Hispanic issues. The Commission serves as a liaison between the Hispanic community, government entities, and the community at large. The Commission believes in encouraging teamwork by valuing open communication, striving to provide a positive work environment and professionalism in serving the Hispanic population. The Commission strives to serve hundreds of inquiries from the public and government agencies and to effect public policy to improve the quality of life for Hispanics. The Commission continues to provide training and educational service through statewide programs, conferences, and mediums that reaches out to the Hispanic community.

The ultimate goal of the Hispanic Commission is to provide equality in economic, educational, social, legal, and housing opportunities for Hispanics in Idaho.

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